

Figure 1A

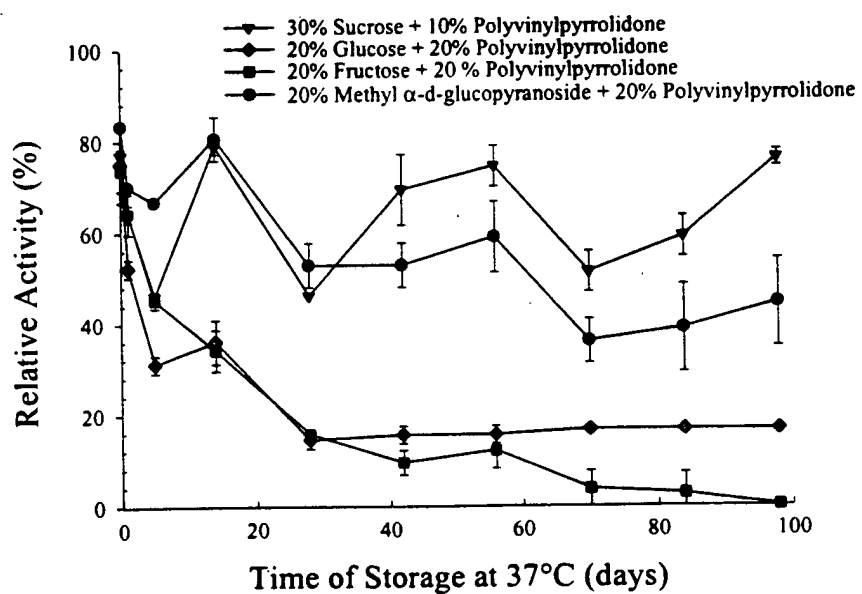


Figure 1 consists of three panels showing the spatial distribution of precipitation and vegetation indices in South America during the 1997-1998 El Niño event. The top panel displays precipitation anomalies (mm) for 1997-1998, with a color scale ranging from -100 to 100 mm. The middle panel displays vegetation indices (NDVI) for 1997-1998, with a color scale ranging from -0.2 to 0.2. The bottom panel displays precipitation anomalies (mm) for 1997-1998, with a color scale ranging from -100 to 100 mm. The maps are color-coded to show positive and negative anomalies. The precipitation anomalies are in mm, and the vegetation indices are NDVI. The maps are labeled with '1997-1998' and 'El Niño'.

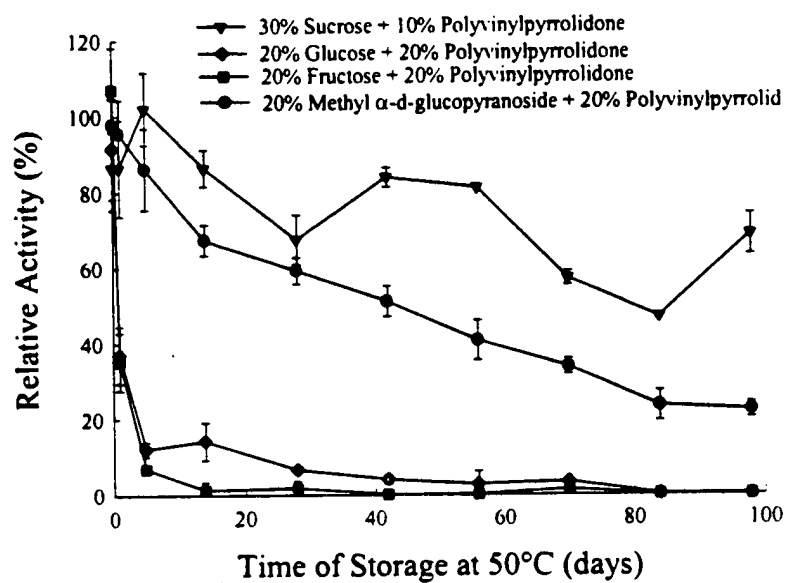


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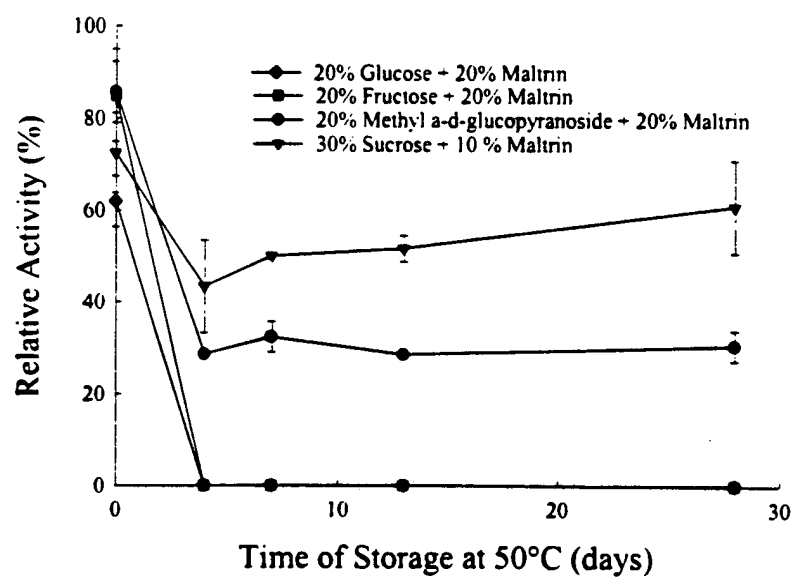


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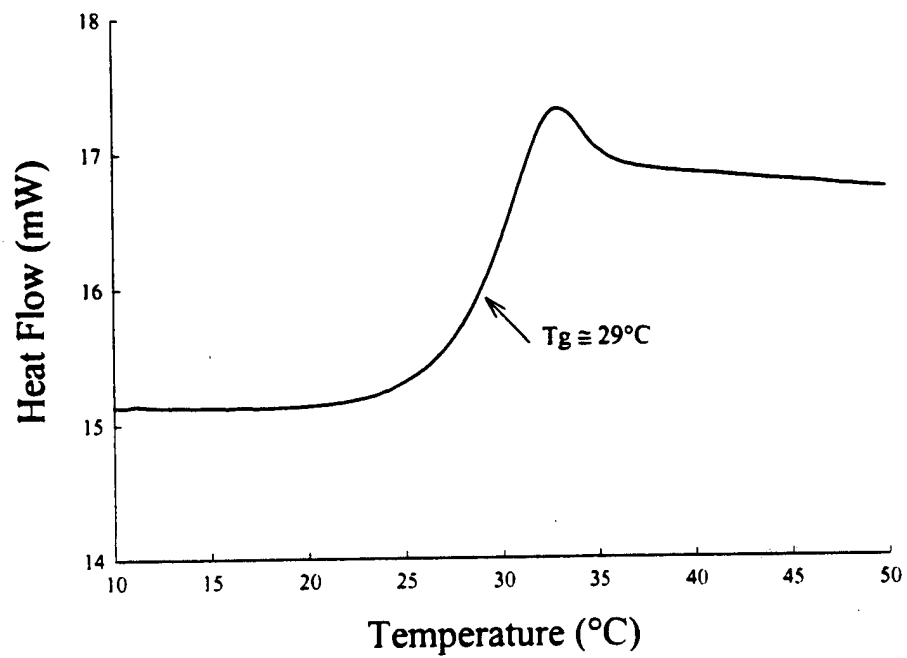
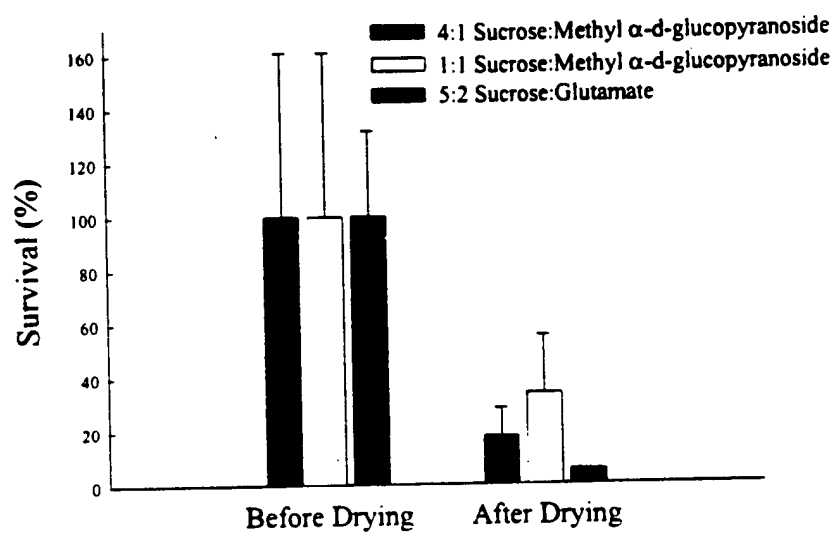


Figure 5



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